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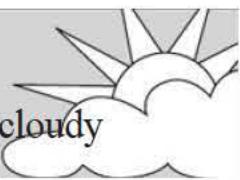
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## Inside Beam me up

Visiting professor talks about women and higher education via satellite.

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Sports

## From the top

Panther baseball team looks to get off to good start at Indiana State this afternoon.  
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## \$9 increase proposed for campus projects

By Michelle Jones  
Student government editor

A \$9 per semester fee increase for a period of two years was proposed to fund campus improvements at the Tuition and Fee Review Committee meeting Monday.

The committee tabled the proposal, along with a proposal to increase the technology fee, because not all members were present.

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, said five items are included in the plan for the campus improvement fee increase: adding sprinkler systems, increased lighting, additions to the east end of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, replacing the track and adding restrooms in the Student Recreational Center.

The addition of sprinkler systems would be applied to 19 buildings in Greek Court and University Court, Hencken said. Already there is a plan to add a sprinkler system in Pemberton Hall this summer.

The addition of the sprinkler systems is the most important item of the five, Hencken said. He got the idea after the fire at Seton Hall in New Jersey and became even more convinced of its importance after the fire on Feb. 13 that left four Eastern baseball players homeless, he said.

The fee would not go into effect until the fall of 2001, and by that time half of the buildings would be equipped with sprinklers, Hencken said.

"It's not one of those things (where) we raise the fee then several years later begin construction," he said.

The sprinkler system would help Eastern's image as well as provide safety, Hencken said.

"We're looking at ways to sell Eastern," he said. "To our knowledge, we'd be the only school with sprinkler systems in residence halls."

Hencken wants to increase lighting on campus, so more students will feel safe.

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Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

## Seuss' strategies for success

Tracy King, a senior elementary education major, reads a passage from "Oh, The Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss Monday evening in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The workshop, titled "Dr. Seuss On Success," was presented by David Onestak, Eastern's Counseling Center Coordinator.

## Rooms to get a new look

### Suites replace single rooms

By Julie Bartlow  
Campus editor

The Office of University Housing and Dining Services is in the process of redesigning 14 double-occupancy rooms into seven new deluxe double rooms in Andrews Hall.

"We are currently working on the rooms on the ninth floor of Andrews Hall," said Chad Franks, marketing and promotions specialist and counselor of housing and dining services. "These rooms are presently empty, and as time continues we will go on to make over the rest of the rooms. We have to make sure the rooms will be unoccupied to prevent disturbance."

Inspired by the popularity of larger room options in Carman Hall, Franks said the new rooms will be twice the size of double occupancy, and will consist of two rooms, a bedroom and a living room, separated by a door.

"If the popularity of these new rooms increase, and if every room in the residence halls will be occupied, we will continue to offer these rooms to students," he said.

New light fixtures and movable beds also are part of the new room design.

"Each room will have the walls painted and carpeted," Franks said. "Movable beds, chests of drawers and desks will replace the stationary furniture currently used."

"These rooms offer more flexibility for students," said Mark Shaklee, associate director of

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## Students to have option of charging parking permits

### Choice added to help students avoid parking tickets and afford prices

By Michelle Jones  
Student government editor

Starting fall semester 2000, students will have the opportunity to charge the cost of their parking permits directly to their student accounts.

The option of being able to charge the cost to an account is another method of payment and will be more convenient to the students, said Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs.

"It will solve the problem for those who don't have money at a particular time," Hencken said.

Many students may not have money at the start of the school year to pay for a parking permit because they are waiting until the end of the month for their paycheck, Hencken said.

By allowing them to charge the cost to their account, they will not have to wait, he said.

Other students may not have a job yet, but they might be starting a school job to earn their money, said Senate member Justin Brinkmeyer. Charging the cost is the easiest way to resolve the problem of not having money, he said.

"You don't have to take out the

\$75 out of the bank or write a check or necessarily come up with the money right away," Brinkmeyer said.

Giving students this option also makes it easier for students whose parents do not help them with any costs of a vehicle to afford having their vehicles at school, Brinkmeyer said.

"Some students have their vehicles, but their parents don't pay for the vehicle or the insurance," he said. "This gives them ... an easier way of having their vehicle down here."

The idea for this option came

from a student who did not have money to buy a parking permit, Brinkmeyer said. He then took the idea to Hencken.

The request for this idea came from the Student Senate because many students who could not afford the cost of a permit still parked on campus and ended up getting a ticket, Hencken said.

"Some students needed to get a parking permit. At the time, what they preferred to do was charge it to the account," he said.

Students can check a box on their bill that would allow them to have the permit charged to their

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Lou Hencken,  
vice president for student affairs

account, Brinkmeyer said.

Students who go to get a parking permit will still be able to pay by cash or by check; charging it to their account is strictly an option, Hencken said.



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# PG&E faces new battle with Brockovich

KETTLEMAN HILLS, Calif. (AP) — In the No. 1 hit "Erin Brockovich," many moviegoers are seeing how a brash young legal secretary forced Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to pay a record \$333 million settlement for poisoning the water in a small California desert town.

But the movie's story of environmental villainy is only the beginning of the legal and public relations nightmare Brockovich has created for the utility company.

A bigger, broader lawsuit is headed to trial in November against San Francisco-based PG&E and one of its main suppliers.

About 1,500 employees, their families, other residents and farmers who lived or worked near three

PG&E gas-compressor plants contend their water supplies also were contaminated with harmful levels of cancer-causing chromium 6 from the 1950s to the 1970s.

The tough-talking, streetwise Brockovich is trying to find every last person who may have been exposed. Being portrayed on screen by Julia Roberts hasn't hurt. In the movie's first week, 40 to 50 potential plaintiffs called.

"We won't feel resolved — morally, ethically, or legally — until we have found everyone we were supposed to," said Brockovich, 39. "And I will keep working until we do."

PG&E has said little about the accuracy of the movie or its effect

on the litigation.

"Our general response with respect to the movie is just that we recognize it's a dramatization. It's an entertainment vehicle," spokesman Greg Pruett said. He added that PG&E officials "don't really have any thoughts" about how the film might affect the company's image or influence jurors.

"I will say this: I do believe that when the case is brought to trial, we will mount a very spirited and vigorous defense," he said. "And we are confident we will be successful in that defense."

Brockovich, who was hired by lawyer Ed Masry even though she had no college degree or technical experience, was looking at files for

a real estate case in 1992 when she found medical reports about low T-cell counts and other blood problems among residents of the town of Hinkley.

Curious, she drove her beat-up car out to the Mojave Desert town — about 130 miles northeast of Los Angeles, near the Arizona state line — and began a quest that lasted four years.

"Erin did most of the work," Masry, played by Albert Finney in the movie, said of the research that uncovered the Hinkley pollution scandal that brought compensation for 652 Hinkley residents in 1996.

Brockovich earned \$2 million for herself. But she wasn't done snooping around.

## Increase

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He said more lighting is needed in Greek Court, Stevenson, the stadium lot and behind Lantz. He also will get student input before decisions are made concerning location for the lights, he said.

He will get students together and talk to them about where they think it is the darkest, Hencken said.

"We'll do the survey when there are leaves on the trees, because that makes a difference," Hencken said.

The fee also will include putting a new addition on the union for Health Services, the Counseling Center and also Career Services. Health Services and the Counseling Center already have money, but the fee would ask for \$1.5 million more to include Career Services.

There also is a need to at least replace the indoor track, Hencken said.

"We're going to have to do the track. It has to be done. No ifs, ands or buts about it," Hencken said. "If you're going to have an indoor track team, you need to replace the track."

## Rooms

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housing. "There will no longer be the built-in desks and the bolsters will be removed for the students."

Shaklee said a set fee for the double deluxe rooms has been set.

"The price will be just the same as the deluxe doubles in Carman Hall," he said. "It's \$330 dollars per person."

No final decisions have been made about furniture selection, but focus groups are being formed to poll on-campus residents about their preferences for furniture.

"(The focus groups) will be brought to the model room on the ninth floor in Andrews, and we'll discuss room design, aspects of

One other issue in the proposed plan is adding restrooms to the rec center because many students have requested it, Hencken said. It was the No. 1 requested item from students in a survey the rec center conducted, he said.

Tiffany Vandever, chair of the Tuition and Fee Review Committee, did not expect so much to go into the fee or expect the fee to be such a big deal.

"I didn't expect them to ask for money in this form," Vandever said. "I'll say quite a bit about it at senate. It hit me hard."

Senate member Patty Mapes said the plan was a good idea, because a lot of it dealt with safety; however, she did not agree with the addition of the restrooms.

The issue of safety was an important issue.

"I have thought for the past six months lightening needed improvement," Vandever said.

The money raised by the fee would be divided as follows: \$2.5 million for the sprinkling system, \$500,000 for lighting, \$1.5 million for Career Services, \$600,000 for the track and \$600,000 to \$700,000 for the restrooms, Hencken said.

room dislikes and likes, the changes that will be made and what (students) would like to see," said Jen Polkow, the moderator of the focus group and housing practicum student.

Questions concerning students who live off campus will be discussed, Polkow said.

"We want to see that if rooms like these are available, will off-campus students consider living in these halls?" Polkow asked.

Any students interested in viewing the model room and becoming part of a focus group, can pick up a focus group application in Carman or Andrews halls and can turn them in by today, Polkow said.

"We will meet in Andrews Hall on Wednesday and Thursday," she said. "For Wednesday the times will be from 3 to 4, 5 to 6 and 8-9 p.m.

In other business, the committee asked questions about the technology fee proposed by Bill Witsman, director information systems and services, and Alan Baharlou, chair of the student technology fee subcommittee.

Last week the committee approved the minimum request of \$5, but Student Senate referred the issue back to committee after discussing the idea of increasing the fee at Wednesday's senate meeting. They discussed raising the fee to either \$7.50 or \$10.

"To me, it's cut and dry. It has to be raised from \$5," Vandever said.

Vandever said the fee increase should be raised to \$10 for the benefit of education.

Technology is important to education, and Eastern needs the latest possible technology, Baharlou said.

Technology is a different kind of economics, Witsman said.

"Success will drive your desire. The more technology we use, the more we need," he said.

The committee will vote on the issue at its next meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For Thursday the times will be from 12 to 1, 2 to 3 and 3-4 p.m."

Polkow said all students are welcome, and should sign up if they are anxious to see the new room.

"It's just one hour of time commitment," she said. "We want to receive feedback from students ... We want to know what they want. Anyone who signs up will receive a sandwich from Chick-Fil-A."

Shaklee said hopefully the make-over project will expand to other residence halls.

"We hope to add more new rooms in different areas of campus in the future," he said. "We have to see how the students respond to these first."

Franks said the seven new deluxe doubles should be completed for the fall 2000-2001 academic year.

## police blotter

### Minor acceptance of alcohol

■ Katrina R. Collins, 18, of the 100 block of Madison Avenue, was cited at 2:01 a.m. Sunday at her residence for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, a police report stated.

### Disturbing the peace

■ Emanuel N. Preciado, 20, of the 300 block of Polk Avenue and Joe A. Acksel, 19, of Carman Hall were both cited at 11:42 p.m. Saturday at a house located in the 300 block of Polk Avenue for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor and disturbing the peace, a police report stated.

■ Gustavo N. Garcia, 19, and Erami J. Izquierdo, 21, of the 300 block of Polk Avenue were both cited at 1:01 a.m. on Sunday at their place of residence for disturbing the peace, according to a police report.

## Correction

An article in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly stated that Eastern President Carol Surles' testimony was before the Illinois Board of Higher Education Apportionment Committee. Surles' testimony was before the The House Apportionment Committee on Higher Education.

*The News* regrets the error.

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# Strip mall to join Wal-Mart Supercenter



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Members of the City of Charleston Public Works Department, study a water main that runs under the future home of Super Wal-Mart last Wednesday morning on the East end of Rt. 16. The project of installing both the sewer and water mains will take around nine weeks.

## Construction under way; contract signed recently

By Julius Sexton  
City editor

A strip mall is slated to join the Wal-Mart Supercenter that is currently under construction on the east side of Charleston.

The strip mall is being financed by a separate corporation, said Bill Riebe, city manager.

Work crews broke ground on the site for Wal-Mart and the strip mall about two weeks ago and is going according to plan and the contracts with the construction companies, he said.

"Construction began the first part of March and we've recently signed the contract with (the Illinois Department of Transportation)," he said.

Most students are excited about the prospect of new business in Charleston and a bigger selection of stores in the area.

"I like it, it will bring more variety to shopping and I'll probably shop there more often," said Bryan Huhn, a sophomore physical education major.

Other students see the strip mall benefiting the entire city of Charleston and not just students.

"The strip mall is a good idea and it will bring even more business to Charleston," said Mark Alcazar, a senior speech communications major.

Exactly what stores will be included in the strip mall has not been announced yet. However students have an idea of what stores would prompt them to shop there.

"A decent CD or electronics store would be nice," Alcazar said.

Huhn said his biggest complaint was the lack of nice clothing stores in Charleston.

"I would like to see more music stores and definitely a new clothing store at the strip mall," he said.

Other students think someplace where students could go and study would be the best idea.

Riebe said construction for the supercenter is scheduled to be completed in late October and open for business around Halloween.

# Professor hopes to make Eastern a 'best buddy'

## Program encourages friendships between college students, mentally handicapped

By Kelly Rush  
and Michelle Jones  
Staff writers

An Eastern professor is in the process of implementing a program, which encourages friendships between college students and mentally handicapped individuals in the community.

The program, called Best Buddies, is an international organization, Ryan Hendrickson, assistant professor of political science, originally became involved in when he attended Marquette University as a student.

In order to start involvement with this organization on campus, a chapter director is needed to help set the program up for fall 2000 and recruit students to join.

"We are looking for interested people who display student leadership, are enthusiastic and feel comfortable working with these individuals," Hendrickson said.

Those interested should fill out an application with him and do an interview with a Best Buddies representative from the Chicago office on April 5, Hendrickson said.

The chapter director also will be trained at a national conference this summer.

The director will work with Student Government, help with fund raising and pair the students with the mentally handicapped people in the community, Hendrickson said.

"They help pair the college buddy with the buddy," he said. "It's a school-year-long commitment."

Any student who decides to volunteer will be paired with someone, and is expected to meet with their "buddies" three times each month for one year.

"Best Buddies" is different from other volunteer options, Hendrickson said. Sometimes students volunteer for a week or a shorter amount of time doing projects such as a clean up project or working with Special Olympics,

which Hendrickson said is great; however, the Best Buddies requires more of a commitment.

The Best Buddies program makes a promise to people in the community that this person will be your friend, Hendrickson said.

The number of students for the project will be limited to about 20 students for this reason, Hendrickson said.

"We need to make sure we're going to get students who will commit to Best Buddies for a year," he said.

Students can do anything with their buddy that they would do with other friends, such as go to a movie or a basketball game, Hendrickson said.

Part of the goal of the program is to get the mentally handicapped involved in the community, Hendrickson said. Often these individuals do not have many friends, and they are ostracized, he said.

The program is very rewarding for all who participate, and Eastern students would really

benefit from involvement in the organization, Hendrickson said.

"Students get so much out of it," Hendrickson said. "It's a really great way to get involved in the community."

Hendrickson said this program also is rewarding because students get so much back from this population.

"There is a shared humanity, a simplicity to working with them. They are simple and open, and this produces a reciprocal effect in people. It's very fulfilling," Hendrickson said.

Students also learn about themselves through working with their buddies in the program, Hendrickson said.

"Working with this population, it's very rewarding. You see things through a different light about yourself and relationships," he said.

The Best Buddies program was founded by Anthony Kennedy Shriver who thought mentally retarded people had little opportunity to socialize with their non-disabled peers.

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## A necessary hike

The Student Senate last week sent a proposal for a hike in the technology fee back to the Tuition and Fee Review Committee to consider a larger increase than the \$5 originally proposed.

A larger increase in the technology fee would be beneficial to Eastern students for a number of reasons. The technology fee, which currently is \$28 per semester, is much lower than what it is at comparable universities. Western Illinois University in Macomb pays \$155 for its technology fee.

The fee increase would help support purchasing more technological equipment in classes

### Increasing technology

Raising the technology fee beyond the proposed \$5 could help to get Eastern much needed resources and improve education.

throughout campus and would help aid faculty members in teaching students. Overall, the increase could help increase the educational process at Eastern, making it easier for students to have access to educational tools and materials.

One of the questions raised at the senate meeting was whether a \$5 increase would be enough, or if more money would be requested next year. The reply from Bill Witsman, director of Information Technology Services, was that more money may be needed next year.

By increasing the fee by more than \$5 this year, the senate could save the time of having to hear another proposal of a similar nature next year. Increasing the fee by more than \$5 is efficient in that it saves time for all people involved.

Senate members discussed both a \$10 and a \$7.50 increase for the technology fee, but at the time a \$7.50 increase seems the most logical choice. Easing into the situation and evaluating how the money is spent once received is the best way to go about spending students' money.

Technology will no doubt be the educational tool of the future. Falling behind only compromises the education of Eastern's students. Investing in the future — both in Eastern students and technology — will have the most promising results.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

### Today's quote

We have neglected our own affairs. Our education is inadequate ... we cannot wait another generation.

Walter Lippmann,  
American journalist and author, 1889-1974

## Student fees should fund all groups

Do students have the right to tell universities how to spend their money? The Supreme Court says they don't.

The court reversed a University of Wisconsin decision Wednesday, which stated optional fees and refund systems are constitutionally necessary.

The decision states that public colleges and universities can use money from mandatory student activities fees to finance campus groups that engage in political speech some students find objectionable.

The court voted unanimously to uphold the University of Wisconsin's student-fee system, which the justices said does not violate any student's free-speech rights.

"The First Amendment permits a public university to charge its students an activity fee used to fund a program to facilitate extracurricular student speech if the program is viewpoint neutral," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the decision, according to an article by *The Associated Press*. The policy was questioned after several law students with conservative political views objected to having some of their money go toward liberal groups. Their lawsuit identified as objectionable 18 of the 125 subsidized campus groups, including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center and International Socialist Organization.

Eastern students pay activity fees each semester to fund the Student Senate, Apportionment Board, Sports and Recreation, Dramatic Performances and the University Board. Individual groups also can apply to receive funding from the Apportionment Board, which has the responsibility of allocating the student fee budget each year.



Amy Thon  
News editor

"The student fees are a way to protect voices of all students, no matter their viewpoints."

"When a university requires its students to pay fees to support the extracurricular speech of other students, all in the interest of open discussion, it may not prefer some viewpoints to others," Kennedy said.

If the court had ruled the other way, many public colleges and universities would have been forced to change the way they allocate funds. The schools would have had to stop giving

money to controversial student groups or find a way to give partial refunds to students who objected to certain groups.

The decision has been seen as a way to protect free speech on college campuses across the nation. The student fees are a way to protect voices of all students, no matter their viewpoints.

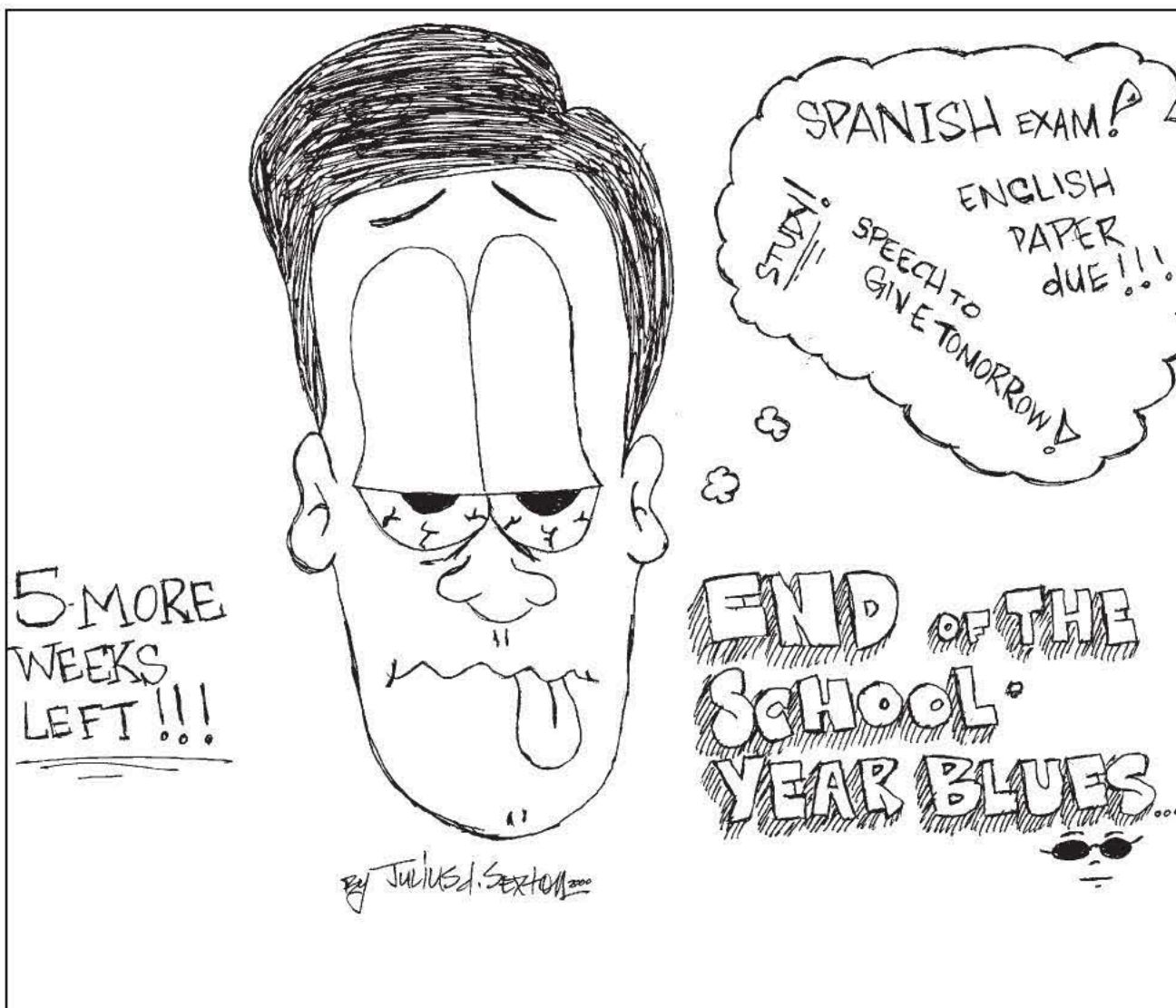
The purpose of student fees is to fund activities that will enhance the learning experience while attending a college or university.

Students often argue that they don't agree with certain fees that appear on their tuition bill. However, by attending a public university, students have many opportunities offered to them.

The purpose of a university is to provide educational opportunities both in and out of the classroom, and to do this, a variety of opinions and groups needs to be expressed.

The Supreme Court has preserved free speech by voting to keep funding for a variety of student groups.

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### Diversity helps to make WEIU-FM unique

I am the assistant program director at WNEW-FM New York. I reached New York by way of Raleigh, N.C., St. Louis and, yes Eastern's WEIU-FM. It is out of true outrage that I write to plead the case to keep WEIU-FM unique and special. After hearing about the proposed plan to change WEIU-FM, I laughed. If anything, more college stations should change to reflect what is great about WEIU-FM.

WEIU-FM allows students to work and learn about the radio business in a positive atmosphere that Joe Heumann and his staff create. Students can get on the air and/or have a hand in the musical direction of the station easily — a musical direction that is even more diverse than the proposed changes could ever be. Musical styles from all over the country and the world

### Your turn

Letters to the editor

reflecting not only Eastern's growing diversity, but the 10-county region WEIU-FM serves. A student can learn about craft in his or her own programs, using his or her own voice to communicate his or her ideas and musical tastes. Now, the reason I and many others chose to come to Eastern is in danger of being destroyed.

I wonder who may have been consulted about these changes. Professional programmers from a wide range of radio? Perhaps a variety of college radio supervisors from across the state and the country? Sadly, the contents of the proposed changes suggested otherwise. What is being suggested bears absolutely no relation to any successful college programming mod-

els currently in use.

Like any other organization on campus, WEIU-FM deserves to have its interests communicated and its contributions to the community celebrated. The proposed changes are a slap in the face to WEIU's efforts and to the community so richly served by WEIU-FM.

This is more than a defining moment for WEIU-FM. It also is a defining moment for Eastern. It's hero time, Eastern. I hope Eastern makes the right choice and kills these changes in favor of the diverse programming currently created by the students and the staff. If Eastern chooses in favor of these changes, the university will have cut the heart out of the students, the staff and the community who benefit from today's WEIU-FM.

Craig Schwalb  
assistant program director  
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# Conduct Code almost revised

By Christine Demma  
Staff writer

The Student Conduct Code is in its final stages of revision after being worked on for almost a year.

The Student Conduct Code is a set of principles that Eastern students follow, said Courtney McDermott, acting student vice president for academic affairs.

One of the most important revisions is giving the code a more posi-

tive connotation instead of the negative one it held before the revisions, McDermott said. The Student Conduct Code used to be in a "thou shall not..." format, she said.

"Now the points are stated in the affirmative," McDermott said. "We moved from negative to positive. That's really the best thing done to the revisions."

Other statements have been added to the code that were not previously included, McDermott said.

"The format is much more clear and an easier document for students to read," McDermott said.

Once finished, it will be taken to the Faculty Senate docket, the Student Senate docket and many different organizations. There also will be forums to look at the revised code, she said.

"The goal is for needed popular opinion," McDermott said.

The code will then be passed on the President's Council, McDermott said.

# Got books? NRHH, Phi Sigma want them

## Benefits from drive to go toward women's shelter, hospital

By Brendan Rooney  
Staff writer

If you have books you don't use anymore, the National Residence Hall Honorary can put them to a good use.

The NRHH is sponsoring a book drive, which started Monday and goes through Friday. The benefits from the book drive will go toward a local women's shelter and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System.

A drop box will be located in

the lobbies of each residence hall for anyone who wants to donate. The NRHH is seeking a variety of different books from children's books to books for adults.

The NRHH is not the only group sponsoring a book oriented activity this week. Phi Sigma is having a used book/scientific chart sale.

The sale will be held today and Wednesday in the Room 201 of the Life Sciences building. The sale opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

each day.

"We wanted to put on this fund raiser to raise money for student research awards," said Henry Owen, associate professor of biological sciences. "The awards are given to two students who are chosen by faculty members."

Owen said Phi Sigma is selling a variety of books.

"We have a collection of science fiction, science textbooks, and scientific charts. There is quite a variety," he said.

# VP candidates hope to be selected by May

By Shauna Gustafson  
Administration editor

The search for a new vice president of institutional affairs continues, as a search committee for the position plans to hold interview at the end of May and the beginning of June.

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs and head of the search committee, said the committee expects to have chosen several candidates by the end of May.

"I think we're progressing very well," Hencken said.

The committee is finding candidates through the national search firm Isaacson and Miller. Katina Leodas, the consultant working with the committee, told Hencken she will let him know about applicant information within the next few weeks. After she turns in her information, the committee will begin narrowing the field of applicants.

"(Leodas) indicated she's pleased with the numbers of applications she has been receiving," Hencken said.

# Pre-Health organization meeting tonight

By Julie Bartlow  
Campus editor

Students planning to pursue a career in a medically-related field are invited to attend the Pre-Health Professions Organization, an informational meeting.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m.

tonight in Room 101 of the Life Science Building.

The meeting is for freshman, sophomores and transfer students who are not yet eligible for memberships in Alpha Epsilon Delta, said Laurel Bailey a junior pre-med major.

"We wanted to start (an organiza-

tion) for underclassman who aren't yet eligible," she said.

These students are also invited to attend AED functions and meetings, and a representative will serve on the AED executive board, Bailey said.

For further information or questions contact Judy James, pre-med adviser at 581-6387.

# Health Education Resource Center open house Wednesday

By Amy Ellison  
Staff writer

An open house is being held to inform students, faculty and staff of the variety of services and programs the Health Education Resource Center has to offer.

The Health Education Resource Center is hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday on the third floor of the Student Services Building in the Resource Center. The center recently moved to the

Student Services Building.

Eric Davidson, assistant director of Health Education and Promotion for Health Services, encourages everyone to come and see all the programs and resources the center has to offer.

"A lot of people really don't know of the services we provide," Davidson said.

Davidson said this is an opportunity to see the various resources in the clearing house of the Resource Center.

## daily briefing

### ComEd gives SIU \$25 million

CARBONDALE (AP) — ComEd has given Southern Illinois University \$25 million of a \$250 million trust fund established as part of a legislative deal allowing the utility to keep more of its profits, the company and university said Monday.

Although the Chicago-based utility has sold off its coal-fired generating plants, the investment will help the state, ComEd and Illinois electricity consumers, said Mary F. O'Toole, the company's environmental services manager.

"The utility industry is not going away, nor is fossil generating going away. The challenge is to find technology that's cost effective," she said.

Helping improve conditions for the state's sagging coal industry is, she said, "the right thing for us to do."

The company actually had no choice.

### Report: Chicago nursing homes don't meet standards

CHICAGO (AP) — Four of five nursing homes in the Chicago area failed to meet federal standards for care during recent inspections, sometimes letting patients suffer from bedsores and malnutrition, according to a report released Monday.

The report, commissioned by U.S. Reps. Jan Schakowsky, Bobby Rush and Rod Blagojevich, gives the Illinois Democrats ammunition for planned federal legislation establishing staffing requirements for nursing homes.

Democratic staff members for the House Committee on Government Reform examined the results of annual inspections of 290 nursing homes in Cook, DuPage and McHenry counties conducted from July 1998 to January 2000. The nursing homes serve 38,000 residents.

Investigators found that only 21 percent of the homes were in full or substantial compliance with federal standards, which include providing sanitary living conditions and preventing accidents.

### In Pennsylvania, bonuses pit teacher against teacher

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Eighth-grade English teacher Brian P. Gallagher does not want the \$2,500 bonus his school district is offering if his students improve their standardized test scores.

He says the whole idea is more trouble than it is worth.

His students are razzing him, wisecracking about how they hold his financial fate in their hands.

And since the Colonial School District's plan allows only 20 percent of the teachers to get the extra cash, his colleagues are becoming reluctant to share teaching tips, he says.

The opposition is so strong that nearly all of Colonial's 350 teachers have signed a petition saying they will give any bonus money to charity.

In recent months, schools in Denver, and now Pennsylvania, have approved bonus plans to improve education. But many teachers — and the nation's two largest teachers unions — are suspicious of the idea.

"Unfortunately, this has become the misguided panacea du jour — put teachers in a competitive situation and they'll work harder," said Darrell Capwell, a spokesman for the American Federation of Teachers, with more than 1 million members.

### Mock earthquakes created to build better buildings

URBANA (AP) — A whole lot of shaking going on in Champaign-Urbana this spring may tell us what could happen in a major Midwest earthquake and how the damage might be mitigated.

University of Illinois researchers are conducting tests on a simulated concrete block building that they began constructing last summer. The building, which mimics unreinforced concrete and brick masonry structures common in the Midwest, is mounted on a "shake table" at the UT's Newmark Lab.

The shake table is a mechanized floor space designed to mimic the ground motion an earthquake produces. Similar tests also will be done later this year at the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Lab in Champaign.

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## Speaker: Quality education requires diversity

By Tracey Acker  
Staff writer

Only one out of three college professors is a woman, a University of Minnesota professor said Monday via satellite.

"Only with diversity in American higher education is quality education possible," said Johnnetta B. Cole.

"Education is the single most significant power of advancement for people. It formally prepares us for life."

The speech titled "Women's Voices: Imagining Ourselves in the 21st Century" was presented in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union via satellite from the University of Minnesota.

Cole's speech was part of the "Women's Lives, Women's Voices, Women's Solutions" National Teleconference.

Students at universities around the nation listened as Cole shared her beliefs on the power of education in the 21st Century.

Lack of courses in women's studies or academic activities exclusively geared toward women were some of the views Cole expressed.

Cole said there has been progress in gender equality in higher education although the level of equality is relatively low. Many women are paid less and receive less recognition than men for the same jobs.

Cole is a presidential distinguished professor of anthropology, women's studies and African-American Studies at Emory University. She was also the first female African-American president in the 100-year history of Spellman College.



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Ivy Glennon, Chair of the Women's Advocacy Council, watches, Johnnetta B. Cole via satellite as she gives a speech titled, "Women's Voices: Imagining Ourselves in the 21st Century" Monday afternoon in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Cole is a presidential distinguished professor of anthropology, women's studies and African Studies at Emory University.

## Two more discussions scheduled Wednesday

By Branden Delk  
Activities editor

As a part of the "Women's Lives, Women's Voices, Women's Solutions" National Teleconference, two panels will be presented in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The first panel will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

According to Ivy Glennon, head of the Women's Advocacy Council, the first panel is a moderated panel where questions asked at a panel heard Monday will be answered and discussed among other universities via satellite.

The panel will focus on women's history and will consist of eight panelists located across the country.

Sara Evans, a history professor at the University of Minnesota, will give the fea-

ture presentation via satellite.

Glennon said the eight panelists range from an associate dean to professors to undergraduate students.

"We have a mixture of ethnicity, age and place in the world," she said.

The second panel will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday. The discussion will be lead by Lauren Smith, an Eastern associate professor of English and chair of the women's studies department.

## Fine Arts tops CUPB plans for FY2002

Council examines projects for upcoming fiscal year

By Joshua Niziolkiewicz  
Staff writer

The Council on University Planning and Budget Friday reviewed a list of projects proposed by Facilities Planning and Management for fiscal year 2002.

The rehabilitation and expansion of the Fine Arts Center is the No. 1 priority on the list of recommendations.

The council estimated that \$39,743,400 be spent on "mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems in order to comply with instructional, environmental, accessibility, and energy needs."

According to a release from the council, which explains the necessity of each desired project, "none of the systems in the Fine Arts Center have been fully addressed despite numerous advances in the building systems."

Council member Bill Schnackel said the estimated funds for the building will not cover all expenses needed to rehabilitate the building.

"The estimated cost includes architect's fees during construction," Schnackel said. "We're going to be looking at a wonderful building here."

The University hires architects based on a Quality Base Service process, Schnackel said.

This process requires the university to contract their work to the person or company with the best qualifications, not with the lowest price.

More than \$4 million for the construction of a new science building was recommended by the council.

The project list states the goal is to have chemicals, associated fumes, animals, faculty and students appropriately protected and handled consistent with modern practice.

According to the list, biological sciences, chemistry, communication disorders, geology/geography, physics, psychology and the office of the dean will be the departments effected by the construction.

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# Clinton frustrated in pursuit of peacemaking legacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — After hitting brick wall after brick wall on his overseas tour, President Clinton's hopes for promoting peace in South Asia and the Middle East are on hold, at best, and time is running out for him.

Presidential aides have insisted Clinton's goal in meetings with Indian and Pakistani officials and with Syrian President Hafez Assad was to make peace, not to promote his legacy during the last of his eight years in the White House.

But the two basically go together.

Even before Clinton set out for South Asia, his chances of persuading India and Pakistan to back down from their nuclear programs was considered virtually nil. He didn't, and to Clinton's chagrin, Pakistan's military leaders refused even to promise restoration of democracy.

In India, despite lavishing praise on the world's largest democracy, spending more time there than any

of his predecessors and respectfully seeing the sights, Clinton heard from government leaders that non-proliferation of technology was not a realistic option for dealing with Pakistan.

Nor was there progress on Kashmir. That could be ominous.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over the three-fifths of the Himalayan state that is under Indian control. The dispute is probably even more explosive now that they both have nuclear capability.

On the plus side, Clinton strengthened U.S. relations with India, which have not always been warm. Considering India's growing importance, especially in technology, that was a plus.

His meeting in Geneva with Assad had no such silver lining.

Three hours of face-to-face negotiations, the first lengthy exchange between the two leaders in six years, failed Sunday to restart the talks between Israel and Syria that broke down in Shepherdstown, W.Va., in mid-January.

For Clinton to come away empty-handed indicates either miscalculation by the White House or that the dispute between Israel and Syria is intractable.

Neither is good news for a would-be peacemaker.

Judith Kipper, director of the Middle East Forum for the Council on Foreign Relations, said the standoff between Clinton and Assad in Geneva was a disappointment but not a disaster.

## Mom pleads guilty to killing sons, avoids death penalty

DALLAS (AP) — A second-grade teacher pleaded guilty Monday to strangling her two young sons after they opened their Christmas presents in an act of vengeance against her ex-husband.

Lisa Marie Smith was sentenced to life in prison after her plea, which averted a trial and possible death penalty. Smith, 31, will not be eligible for parole for 40 years.

She told police she killed William Cody Smith, 5, and Tristen Thomas Smith, 3, because she was distraught after losing custody of the boys to her former husband.

"I wanted him to know my pain, and how it felt to have his babies taken away from him," Smith told police after her arrest.

Police said Smith strangled the boys on Dec. 26, after they opened their Christmas presents. Two days later, she tried to kill herself by cutting her wrist and releasing natural gas into the house, starting a fire. It was after the fire that the boys' deaths were discovered.

Smith's ex-husband, Brit Smith, said Monday he was relieved there would be no trial. When asked whether he could forgive his ex-wife, he said tearfully, "In the Bible it says I'm supposed to, but right now the hurt is not allowing me to do that."

## Prepare to pay for that sweet tooth

### Taxpayers will pay up if government buys 250,000 tons of surplus sugar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Got a sweet tooth? Uncle Sam wants you! The government is thinking of buying 250,000 tons of surplus sugar to pump up its domestic price. But then what will officials do with all that sugar, enough to fill up two-thirds of the Empire State Building?

One idea is to donate it overseas, although no country has indicated any interest in it. Another is to sell it at a deep discount for refining into ethanol, a gasoline additive usually made from corn. Whatever course is taken, taxpayers could get stuck with a \$100 million tab.

The problem stems from a government program that guarantees U.S. growers a minimum price for their sugar. Until now, the Agriculture Department has managed to keep domestic sugar prices three times higher than the world price simply by regulating supplies. But the department is fast losing control of the situation because of bumper domestic crops and rising imports.

Prices that farmers get for sugar have dropped 25 percent since last year, and growers are threatening to forfeit to the government as much as \$550 million worth of sugar that was pledged as collateral on federal marketing loans.

"It's a mess," said Dan Colacicco, a senior Agriculture Department analyst.

Economists say the forfeitures are a virtual certainty unless USDA buys some sugar to boost the domestic price.

"The situation is dire," said Mark Weber, executive director

of the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association in Fargo, N.D.

"Certainly there will be critics," Weber added. "We've had critics for a long time against sugar policy, and they'll use this to poke us in the eye."

The sugar program normally doesn't cost the government anything. But it's still controversial because it increases costs for candy and breakfast cereal makers — and ultimately consumers — while benefitting large sugar cane farms in Florida, Louisiana and Texas.

It's also frequently cited as an example of American protectionism when U.S. negotiators try to persuade other countries to lower their trade barriers.

Opponents of the sugar program are urging USDA to let sugar prices fall. The farmers "contributed to the current oversupply and should cope with the problem on their own," the Consumer Federation of America said in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

The government guarantees farmers a minimum price for domestic sugar through the loan program and quotas on imports. Growers who put their sugar up as collateral for a federal loan have the right to forfeit the crop to the government if prices fall below the guaranteed price.

Since the early 1980s, USDA has avoided any such forfeitures by keeping imports low enough to stabilize domestic prices.

## Cancer patients who take large doses of vitamin C may make disease worse

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cancer patients who take large doses of vitamin C in the hope of a cure might actually make their disease worse by inadvertently protecting their tumors from radiation and chemotherapy, new research suggests.

Doctors caution they cannot prove the vitamin is harmful during cancer treatment. But they say there are strong biological reasons to think megadoses could be bad.

The concern is based on the discovery that cancer cells actually contain large amounts of vitamin C, which appears to protect them from oxygen damage. Many cancer treatments, especially radiation therapy, work by triggering oxygen damage to the genes of cancer cells.

Dr. David Golde, physician-in-chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, warned against too much vitamin C in a presentation Monday at a

“The cancer cell wants vitamin C because it wants antioxidant protection.”

David Golde,  
physician in chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering  
Cancer Center in New York City

meeting of the American Cancer Society.

Vitamin C has many adherents, in part because it is an antioxidant, a substance that protects the body from potentially harmful oxygen particles known as free radicals. Oxidation — the same process that rusts iron — is suspected of triggering cancer and other disease.

Health experts recommend that people eat plenty of fruits and vegetables because they are good sources an antioxidant nutrients, among other things. Many people

cancer treatment in 1985 after a Mayo Clinic study found it to be worthless.

But it has recently returned to vogue, and some practitioners give extremely high doses to cancer patients as an addition to ordinary treatment or even as a substitute.

In 1993, Golde's team discovered how vitamin C gets into human cells. They found that an oxidized form of vitamin C called dehydroascorbic acid enters cells through the same opening used by sugar. Once inside, it is immediately converted back to vitamin C.

He said a key feature of many cancers is they have many more of these sugar openings than do ordinary cells. This allows them to take in the energy they need to grow.

But he said cancer cells often also have very high concentrations of vitamin C. The exact function of the vitamin inside cancer is unknown.

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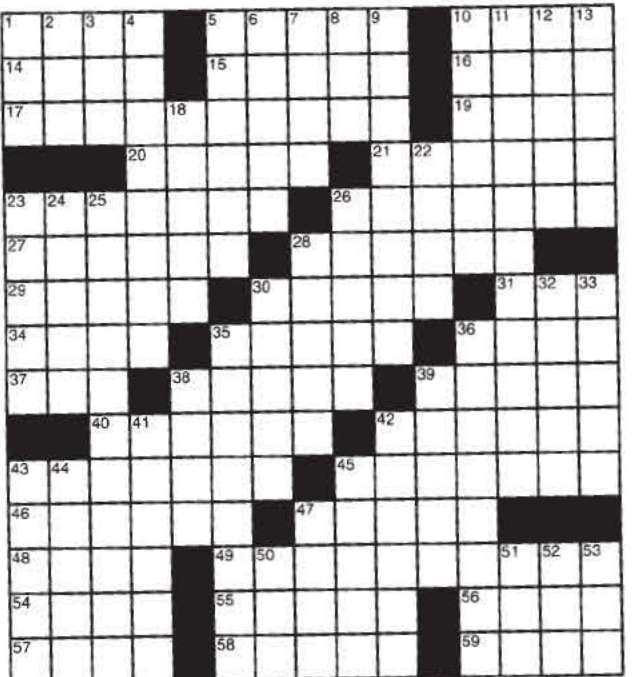
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# Renovate

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“Since Dr. McDuffie has come in, the funds for baseball have been greatly increased,” Smith said. “The budget has been increased, he has given the team the maximum number of scholarships and their operating budget has been increased.”

Smith says with those increased budgets has come increased success for the Panther baseball program, which warrants the construction of a new stadium.

“The baseball program has had continued success mainly because of that increased funding,” Smith said. “And that decision to improve the facilities to baseball will hopefully appeal to all those past players.”

Smith and the athletic department plan to raise money for the field by giving former players, fans and corporations the opportunity to have their names etched in the stadium’s brick columns representing their respective coaches. Individuals also will have the opportunity to have names engraved on one of the new chair-back seats.

“We’re hoping that many of these former players will remember how hard it was to go without that funding and will help give the

future players at Eastern Illinois University the opportunity to succeed that they might not have had,” Smith said. “We’re hoping they’ll still feel that obligation to their coach and become a part of the stadium forever.”

Smith said three former coaches Bill McCabe, Tom McDevitt and J.W. Sanders as well as current head coach Jim Schmitz have all written letters that will be sent out requesting donations from former players while giving them the opportunity to have their names forever etched in the walls of Coaches’ Stadium at Monier Field.

Smith said construction will begin as soon as the current baseball season concludes with the sprinkler system being installed immediately.

“We’ll start this summer when the season is over and hopefully we’ll be done in the fall,” he said. “That may be a little aggressive but that’s what we’re looking for right now.”

Regardless of the completion date, one thing is for sure, Coaches’ Stadium at Monier Field will help lift Eastern’s baseball program to a whole new level.

“We’re really excited about it and it will be a great facility for fans to come watch a game,” Smith said. “When its completed, it will help make us an elite middle Division I program.”

# Beginning

from Page 12

“We have to identify Barmes in the line-up because he is their best hitter, and we have to be aware of the batters ahead of him so we don’t get hurt,” Schmitz said.

With five other players hitting over .280 on the season, Indiana State has lived up to its reputation of being one of the better hitting teams in the country.

The Sycamores have also been able to get more than their share of runs on the board all season long. They have five players with at least 10 RBIs on the year.

“They have hit the ball really well of late,” Schmitz said. “We

know they have a good hitting team, but if we can keep their lower part of the order off the bases, we will be OK.”

The Panther that will be responsible for stopping the Sycamore offense will be Jared Marshall.

The freshman started Sunday’s loss to Murray State, but had a short enough outing to come back and throw again Tuesday against Indiana State.

Despite having a 15.58 ERA, Marshall is 1-1 on the season with four strikeouts in 8.2 innings of work.

Although Eastern does not have the best numbers in the win column, it has been close in many games thanks to its offense.

Leading the charge for the Panthers this season are outfield-

ers Brian Nickell and Bob VanHoorebeck.

Nickell, a sophomore, leads the Panthers in homeruns and batting average, hitting .348 and connecting on five bombs.

VanHoorebeck, who was injured in Saturday’s game and doubtful for today, is hitting .345 and getting on base 44 percent of the time in the lead off spot.

The junior is also tied for the team lead in stolen bases with four.

Even though the Panthers have had a rough go of it so far, they are from giving up on the season.

“We realize we are struggling right now,” Schmitz said.

“But we realize that it is a long season and we have some 40 games left. So I think it is way too early to worry.”

# Schreiber

from Page 12

This tournament is so out of control with lack of organization that it makes it like some summer league that my friends and I used to try and organize.

There are no seeds, no rankings, no actual schedule and hardly an inkling of a bracket, just go where we tell you to.

Who needs the NCAA tourna-

ment and its sorry Final Four? I mean we have all heard about the problems that everyone has had picking the games, and there is nothing we can do, but it is a different story in the NIT.

Since there is really no bracket for the NIT, I really didn’t get my pool blasted, who has a NIT pool anyway? It would be nice.

But look at the Final Four in the NIT. Wake Forest and North Carolina State from the ACC, Penn State from the Big Ten and Notre Dame from the Big East.

Big names for a lower tournament if you ask me, not bad 65th-68th teams in the nation.

I would rather watch Penn State versus Notre Dame than Michigan State versus Wisconsin, at this time in the year at least.

But for what it is, the poor man’s season-ending tournament, at least there are some big names left to play.

Selecting those teams for this jacked-up tournament would be the greatest job ever, I would definitely try and get Eastern in every year.

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# Panthers move outside in search of better times



Eric Wolters / Staff photographer  
Panther junior Ruffner Francis makes his approach with the javelin during practice Monday. The javelin is one event that should help make the Panthers in outdoor competition.

## Track teams begin transition period to outdoor season

By Kyle Bauer  
Sports editor

After spending the past three months training and competing indoors, the men's and women's track and field teams have finally begun the transition into their respective outdoor seasons.

The men's team will be looking to improve on a second place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships while women will try to do the same with their fourth place finish.

The transition period is normally not a hard one, but a few subtle differences between the seasons should benefit the Panther teams and give them reasons to be optimistic.

The addition of throwing events that the Panthers are usually strong in, like the discus and javelin, and the lengthening of certain hurdle and sprint events should benefit the Panthers in the outdoor season.

"There are longer races now and a few new events that will come into play," men's head coach Tom Akers said.

"Generally the times are faster in the respective events. The races become longer, and for our sprinters that is good. It is good for us because we have good starts, but not explosive. The addition of those events should make us a stronger team."

And sometimes just moving outside can greatly change the team's attitude.

"Outdoors is where it is at," head

women's coach John Craft said. "The indoor season is kind of like going to class in the winter. We are not bored, but the team is a little lackluster with the weather."

"There is obviously a transition period between seasons, but we all look forward to it in a great way," he said.

"There is just some boredom and there is not as much variety, especially for the distance runners."

Akers agrees the move outside can have an effect on the team's attitude and it is about time the team moved practices outside.

"We have been in the field house for a long time," he said. "When the weather is nicer, the attitudes are better. When it is windy and cold it seems like the guys are a little grumpy."

Both teams have now moved outside and each have one competition behind them. The men competed in the Florida State Relays March 17 and the women competed in the Purdue Open this past weekend.

The women's meet was not scored this weekend, but Craft is still happy to get his team competing outside.

"Indoors is a time to get in shape," he said. "We have six months under our belts now and we are looking forward to better times."

But while both coaches agree it is nice to finally be training outside, Akers said there are a few aspects of the indoor season that are better.

"It is nice showing up indoors knowing it will be 70 degrees and no wind," he said. "When you go outside you can only hope the wind is at your back. I enjoy the indoor atmosphere because everything is right there and because of the noise factor."

# Eastern coach will lead Junior Wightman Cup team

By Troy Hinkel  
Staff writer

## Hunt will coach team of teenage girls in June tourney

Before the beginning of the spring season, head tennis coach Michael Hunt was honored by being selected as the Junior Wightman Cup coach.

The Wightman Cup pins the top female tennis players ages 14-18 from across the Midwest in a tournament that is held June 17-19 on the campus of Ball State University.

The tournament is for the states of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and parts of West Virginia. The states are then divided into 15 districts, with four being in the state of Illinois.

Hunt, who was selected by the Middle Illinois Tennis Association, will coach the Middle Illinois dis-

trict at the tournament.

"It's an honor to be selected to coach the Middle Illinois team," Hunt said.

"This is the first time I have done anything like this, but while I was the men's coach at Illinois State you learn to always watch the younger players because they are the future of your program," he said.

To be selected to the position, Hunt had to put in a formal resume and compete against numerous other coaching applicants.

"Fortunately it was a situation where the guy who did it last year decided to step down," Hunt said. "I was interested, so I put my

resume in for the position and the board selected me to coach the team."

Once someone is selected as the coach they hold the position until they step down.

This should help Hunt in the future in the recruiting process.

"Being selected as coach helps by just getting Eastern's name out," Hunt said.

"By being associated with the



Michael Hunt

team it increases our visibility to the type of junior players we are looking for.

"It also allows us to show off our facilities and coaching staff to the players," Hunt said. "It is like a recruiting visit before the players are old enough to be recruited."

Hunt will have tryouts on Eastern's campus to fill the roster with eight to nine players as the tournament will have divisions for six singles matches and three doubles teams.

"I haven't seen a whole lot of the girls in a couple of years, but traditionally Middle Illinois has produced some strong Division I players," Hunt said.

"While we will probably not be one of the strongest teams at the Wightman Cup, but we should push for a fourth or fifth place finish."

It is an honor to be selected to the Wightman Cup and many of the girls use it as an advancement ground.

Their performance at the tournament can help to propel them to tennis scholarships.

"The Wightman Cup is a big deal to the girls because it is a definite honor to be selected to the team," Hunt said.

"It also is probably the highest level of competition the girls will face all year and it shows potential college coaches that the players can play competitively against the best players from all across the Midwest."

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# And then there was one

## Spartans remain lone top seed to survive tourney

By the AP — As Michigan State struts into the Final Four, its No. 1 seed intact after two weekends of March Madness, the Spartans must wonder how those other guys with suspect credentials got there.

North Carolina and Wisconsin were questionable for the NCAA tournament two weeks ago, thrilled even to be considered after 13-loss seasons and more than happy with their No. 8 seeds.

Everybody knew Florida, its roster crammed with freshmen and sophomores, was simply too young to withstand the pressure.

So here are the Tar Heels, Badgers and Gators — all dressed up and ready to join Michigan State as the tournament reaches Indianapolis for the NCAA semifinals on Saturday. The championship is at the RCA Dome on Monday night.

Michigan State, returning to the Final Four for the second straight year, is the logical favorite as the last No. 1 standing.

“The pressure has been there since the first (preseason) magazine came out,” coach Tom Izzo said. “These guys deserve what they got.”

In the semifinals, the Spartans face off with Big Ten rival Wisconsin for the fourth time this season. Michigan State has won

the first three — the only games Wisconsin has lost since Feb. 2.

“I don’t think it’s ever easy to beat a team twice or beat a team three times,” Izzo said. “We know it’s going to be tough to beat a team four times. They are on a roll and making shots now.”

Michigan State also knows Wisconsin can rebound. The Badgers were the only team to beat the Spartans on the boards all season until Iowa State did so in the Midwest Regional finals.

Michigan State’s senior leadership of Mateen Cleaves, Charlie Bell and Morris Peterson is crucial this time of year.

The Spartans, winners of nine straight games, overtook Iowa State with a 23-5 run in the last six minutes and did the same thing two nights earlier, scoring the last 17 points against Syracuse.

Wisconsin is getting hot 3-point shooting from Division II transfer Jon Bryant. And coach Dick Bennett thinks his team won’t be disturbed by the Final Four hype.

“This is a very level-headed group,” he said. “If the very worst thing that happens to us is that we’re just happy to be there and don’t play very well, then we have a very good life.”

In the other semifinal, North Carolina, a perennial Final Four

team, was not expected to get there this year. It faces a Florida team that almost did not escape the first round.

The Tar Heels have emerged from a seasonlong funk, picking the right time to piece together their first four-game winning streak. They have reached the final weekend for the 15th time and third in the last four years.

“I think this team is in a class by itself,” point guard Ed Cota said. “It took awhile to get used to each other and find a way to win. The teams that I was on in the past, guys knew what it took to win. This team got it done late in the season, but there couldn’t be a better time for it.”

Coach Bill Guthridge, under fire when North Carolina struggled, is thrilled with the turnaround.

“I am so happy for the team and so proud of them,” he said. “They really hung in there all year through some difficult times and helped keep me up.”

Florida was saved in the tournament opener by Mike Miller’s basket with a fraction of a second left against Butler.

From there, the Gators have flourished, beating first No. 1 seed Duke and then No. 3 Oklahoma State to win the East.

# Scoreboard

## EIU CALENDAR

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Baseball vs Indiana State

**Wednesday**  
2 p.m. — Men's and Women's tennis vs Bradley (at Lantz tennis courts)  
3 p.m. — Baseball at IUPUI  
4 p.m. — Softball vs. Southern Illinois (at Williams Field)

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	GB	
Miami	43	26	—
New York	43	26	1.5
Philadelphia	41	28	5.5
Orlando	35	36	11.5
Boston	30	40	12.5
New Jersey	28	40	13.5
Washington	25	46	21.0
Central Division			
Indiana	47	23	—
Toronto	39	30	6.5
Charlotte	38	31	10.0
Detroit	36	33	12.5
Milwaukee	33	37	14.5
Cleveland	27	42	20.0
Atlanta	25	44	20.5
Chicago	14	55	32.0
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	GB	
Utah	47	21	—
San Antonio	44	25	2.0
Minnesota	43	26	5.0
Dallas	29	40	16.5
Denver	28	42	17.0
Houston	26	44	19.5
Vancouver	19	50	26.0
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	59	12	—
Portland	51	18	4.0
Phoenix	45	24	12.0
Seattle	40	29	14.5
Sacramento	40	29	15.5
Golden State	17	53	36.5

L.A. Clippers	14	57	40.5
Today's Games			
Toronto at Cleveland	6:30 p.m.		
Phoenix at Miami	6:30 p.m.		
Denver at Atlanta	6:30 p.m.		
Indiana at New Jersey	6:30 p.m.		
Boston at Orlando	6:30 p.m.		
Philadelphia at Minnesota	7 p.m.		
New York at Sacramento	7 p.m.		
Golden State at Houston	7:30 p.m.		
San Antonio at Portland	9:30 p.m.		
Dallas at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m.		

NHL			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Northeast Division			
W	L	GP	
Toronto	41	27	75
Ottawa	37	26	74
Montreal	32	35	76
Buffalo	31	34	75
Boston	23	34	75
Atlantic Division			
New Jersey	42	26	76
Philadelphia	40	23	75
NY Rangers	29	37	77
Pittsburgh	32	35	75
NY Islanders	22	46	76
Southeast Division			
Washington	38	22	71
Florida	37	29	71
Carolina	30	32	72
Tampa Bay	17	45	70
Atlanta	13	51	70
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
W	L	GP	
St. Louis	45	17	71
Detroit	43	21	72
Nashville	28	36	72
Chicago	25	40	72
Northwest Division			
Colorado	34	28	73
Edmonton	27	29	72
Vancouver	25	33	72
Edmonton	28	36	72
Pacific Division			
Dallas	41	26	72
Los Angeles	36	30	71
Phoenix	35	29	71
San Jose	30	33	72

Anaheim	29	31	72
Today's Games			
Atlanta at Washington	6 p.m.		
Philadelphia at Ottawa	6:30 p.m.		
New Jersey at Pittsburgh	6:30 p.m.		
Sallas at Tampa Bay	6:30 p.m.		
N.Y. Islanders at Nashville	7 p.m.		

## MLB

Exhibition Standings			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L		
Oakland	16	8	
Minnesota	16	10	
Cleveland	14	10	
Toronto	14	10	
Chicago	15	13	
Tampa Bay	13	12	
Kansas City	15	14	
Detroit	11	11	
Texas	11	11	
Anaheim	12	15	
Baltimore	10	13	
Seattle	8	14	
Boston	8	16	
New York	9	19	
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L		
Arizona	19	8	
Montreal	15	8	
Houston	16	9	
St. Louis	15	9	
San Diego	15	9	
Pittsburgh	13	9	
Cincinnati	16	12	
Philadelphia	14	12	
Chicago	12	11	
New York	13	12	
San Francisco	10	14	
Atlanta	10	15	
Los Angeles	9	16	
Milwaukee	8	16	
Colorado	8	16	
Florida	8	17	

## COLLEGE

Baseball			
OVC Standings			
Eastern Kentucky	6-0	11-13	

Middle Tennessee	2-0	12-12
SE Missouri	4-1	17-5
Murray State	4-1	8-15
Tennessee Tech	2-3	12-11
Eastern	2-3	4-13
Morehead State	1-2	13-9
Tennessee-Martin	0-5	6-22
Austin Peay	0-6	13-13
Today's Games		
Morehead State at Marshall	1 p.m.	
Eastern Kentucky at Cincinnati	2 p.m.	
Memphis at Murray State	1 p.m.	
Eastern at Indiana State	2 p.m.	
W. Kentucky at Tennessee Tech	6 p.m.	
Evansville at Austin Peay	6:30 p.m.	
Tennessee-Martin at Mississippi	6:30 p.m.	
UBA at Middle Tennessee	7 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games		
Eastern at IUPUI	2 p.m.	
UBA at Middle Tennessee	3 p.m.	
Southeast Missouri at Arkansas State	3 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Morehead State	5 p.m.	
Tennessee Tech at Tennessee	6 p.m.	
Vanderbilt at Austin Peay	6:30 p.m.	

Tennis		
OVC Standings		
Men	Record	Pvs
Tennessee Tech	2-0	10-7
Middle Tennessee	1-0	10-8
Morehead State	1-0	9-5
Murray State	1-0	4-7
Tennessee State	0-0	3-7
Eastern Illinois	0-0	1-4
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	0-10
Austin Peay	0-1	5-9
Tennessee-Martin	0-2	4-8
Women		
Tennessee-Martin	2-1	6-3
Middle Tennessee	1-0	12-5
Austin Peay	1-1	10-5
Tennessee State	0-0	6-2
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	4-3
Tennessee Tech	0-0	2-3
Murray State	0-0	2-10
Southeast Missouri	0-0	0-4
Morehead State	0-1	5-9
Eastern Illinois	0-1	0-6

# national sports inbrief

## Cubs go global for season opener

TOKYO (AP) — Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack ... but leave room for the broiled eel.

Trying to go global, major league baseball takes on an international flavor this week when the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs start the season at the Tokyo Dome.

Clearly, the game has never looked — or tasted — quite like this.

Crown Prince Naruhito in the royal box. Two rows of benches in each dugout. Beer girls dressed in fluorescent green in the stands. Fans wearing surgical masks in the seats.

“I think opening day is always opening day, no matter where it is,” Mets catcher Mike Piazza said.

Maybe, but put it this way: No one ever saw an opposing player bow to the crowd at Yankee Stadium.

Come Wednesday night, when 1 billion yen-a-year star Sammy Sosa strolls to the plate in the first inning, that could happen. Of course, a whole lot of people back home would probably miss it.

The first pitch is scheduled for 7:08 p.m. local time at the ballpark known as the “Big Egg” — that’s 5:08 a.m. EST Wednesday in New York and 4:08 a.m. CST in Chicago. Fox Sports Net is televising the game for anyone who’s awake at that hour.

“No, I don’t think I’ll be up that early,” Chicago White Sox star Frank Thomas said. “That would be very early.”

## Capriati defeats Williams despite shanked serve

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — On the verge of victory, Jennifer Capriati hit a serve that would shame the worst weekend hacker.

The lip of her racket sent the ball sailing over Serena Williams’ head and into the first row of seats behind the baseline.

“I’ve never done that,”

Capriati said later with a sheepish grin. “That was kind of cool, though.”

She could smile because she regrouped for another impressive win in her career comeback. Despite the shanked serve and other shaky moments, Capriati outlasted the sixth-ranked Williams 7-6 (2), 1-6, 6-3 in the fourth round of the Ericsson Open.

“It’s unbelievable,” said Capriati, a former teen-age prodigy who turns 24 on Wednesday. “I’m just very happy, because it shows I’ve really come a long way.”

With the sloppy but dramatic victory, the 13th-seeded Capriati advances to the quarterfinals in Key Biscayne for the first time since 1992. The last time she beat an opponent ranked so highly was in 1996, when she won at Chicago against Monica Seles, who then shared No. 1 with Steffi Graf.

Capriati has climbed to 14th in the world, her best ranking in six years. She’ll play 12th-seeded Sandrine Testud next and needs three more victories to claim the biggest title of her career.

“I definitely believe in myself that I can win it,” she said.

## Alford denies allegations that Knight punched him

By the AP — Former Indiana basketball star Steve Alford denies a report that Hoosiers coach Bob Knight once punched him when Alford was a player.

Alford, now the head coach at Iowa, said comments about the alleged abuse by his former Hoosiers teammate, Ricky Calloway, are incorrect.

“Nothing along those lines ever happened,” Alford said Sunday in a statement issued by the Iowa sports information department.

Calloway told the Houston Chronicle he once saw Knight punch Alford and slap forward Daryl Thomas on different occasions during practices.

“We were all standing in a circle one day, and he (Knight) just turned around and punched Steve right in the stomach, and for a minute and a half Steve couldn’t breathe,” Calloway said in Sunday’s Chronicle.

“I was shocked. I wasn’t really surprised he hit someone, but I never expected him to hit Steve, his golden child. But Steve put up with a lot.”

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## Oh, to be a part of the selection committee

I have this ambition in life — several actually — but the dream job exists in the sports world, and nobody really ever wants to recognize it. What I am talking about is being on the college basketball selection committee — for the National Invitational Tournament.

I love the NIT. I think in some respects it is more fun to watch than that NCAA tournament, and it gets absolutely no recognition other than an afterthought of the early Sportscenter at 6 p.m. on Thursday night.

At that time, half of Chucktown is at Bingo getting lit up for the night, and the rest of the world is thinking about what they are going to do on Friday night.

The reason that I like the NIT is that it is these teams that really don't want to play anymore, but also have some things to prove to those who left them out of the "Big Dance."

Being on the selection committee of the NIT would be the greatest, and easiest job ever. Just take those teams that the NCAA selection committee leaves off, and put them in your tournament, and then throw in some small conference busters with a good record, and throw a 32 team bash of your own.

And if there is some controversy in your selections, who is going to bitch about it? It doesn't really matter anyway.

I would just love to see the reaction on the faces of the Georgetown players when they were asked to travel to the University of Virginia. The Cavaliers were just recently dissed by the NCAA, and then got a home game.

The Hoyas won what was probably the best games I have seen this year, second maybe to the Eastern Illinois and Austin Peay Ohio Valley Conference tournament game.

Georgetown prevailed in triple overtime, and then got to go across the nation to face California in the second round.

This type of mystery in scheduling gives the NIT its charm. You get set up with some opponent, then you win, and then there is no telling whether you'll have a home game, or have to travel across the nation.

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# Taking it from the beginning

## Schmitz stresses importance of good start against ISU

Anthony Braviere  
Staff writer

Despite losing four of its last five games, Eastern's baseball team will look to gain some momentum when it travels to Terre Haute, Ind. at 3 p.m. to take on the Sycamores from Indiana State.

The Sycamores (12-11-1, 4-4), who came to Charleston last Wednesday and beat the Panthers (4-13, 2-3) by a score of 8-5, have been playing well since then, while Eastern lost two of three to Murray State this past weekend.

"The big thing is for us to put this weekend behind us both physically and mentally," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "The big thing for us will be the way we start against Indiana State — getting back to playing smart baseball."

Indiana State scored 29 runs in two games against the Bradley Braves on Sunday, while allowing only 10.

One of the main reasons for the recent offensive outburst by the Sycamores is the play of Clint Barnes. The shortstop is hitting .404 to go along with four home runs and 15 RBIs. He leads Indiana State in all three categories.

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Eric Wolters / Staff photographer

Eastern junior Josh Landon attempts to make a play on a Murray State defender in Sunday's loss to Murray. The Panthers are seeking revenge this afternoon against an Indiana State team that defeated them 8-5 last week.

## If you build it, they will come

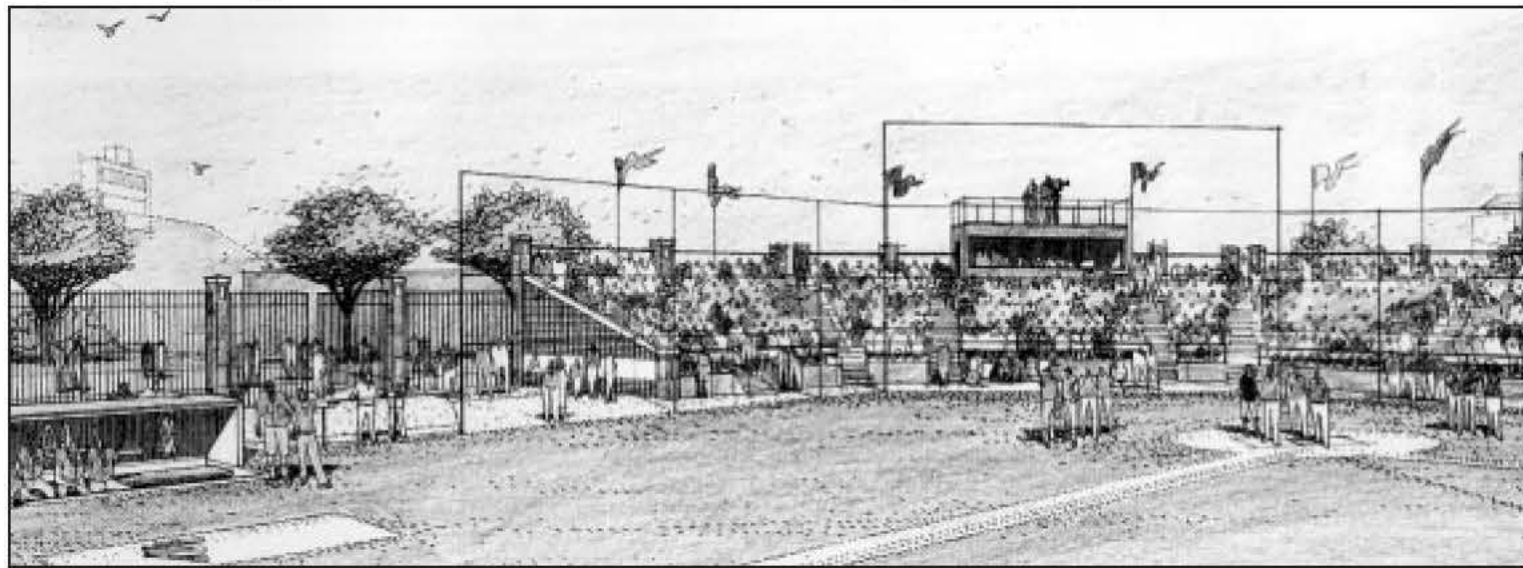


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Plans are now underway to renovate Monier Field. The \$500,000 Coaches' Stadium at Monier Field project will include 550 permanent chairback seats, new scoreboard and message board and a new underground sprinkler system. Construction will begin after the 2000 baseball season and will be completed in the fall.

## Athletic department unveils plans to renovate Monier Field

By Bill Ruthhart  
Associate sports editor

As part of Eastern's athletic department's "Reach for the 21st Century" initiative, plans are underway to renovate Monier Field, the home of Panther baseball.

The planned renovations to the field would include the addition of Coaches' Stadium to the name of the facility as permanent stadium seating will be erected.

Associate athletic director John Smith, the man responsible for raising funds for the project, says the plans for constructing Coaches' Stadium at Monier Field

are well underway and construction is scheduled to begin at the end of this baseball season.

"It will be an outstanding facility, just as the renovations at O'Brien Stadium were," Smith said. "This is just another phase in our project to bring our facilities up to the level a Division I facility should be in the 21st century."

Smith estimates the renovations to Monier Field and the construction of Coaches' Stadium should cost roughly \$500,000. Those costs include the building of the stadium structure itself, the installation of roughly 550 permanent, chairback seats, a brand new press box, new storage areas, a conces-

sion stand, and a restroom facility, resodding on the field and an underground sprinkler system for the playing surface. A new scoreboard with a message board will also be added, but is not counted under the \$500,000 worth of expenses.

Coaches' Stadium itself will be highlighted by rod-iron fencing around the facility and 14 12-foot brick columns, representing the 12 past and present Panther baseball coaches with room for coaches of the future.

"When myself and our athletic director Dr. Richard McDuffie sat down to discuss how we should proceed with our "Reaching for the

21st Century" campaign, we wanted to create a recognizable facility where fans could enjoy the game.

"And we found that throughout the years, baseball players at Eastern have infinitely been closely connected to their coaches," he said.

Hence, Coaches' Stadium.

"The baseball program, and this is probably an understatement, was underfunded a great deal for many years," Smith said. "And when a team is so underfunded, it becomes difficult to play and win and coaches and players must become closer and find ways to win."

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